



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



News Release

In Cooperation with Clemson University

South Carolina Field Office . 1835 Assembly St, Rm 1008 . Columbia, SC 29201 . (803) 765-5333
www.nass.usda.gov

Released on March 1, 2011

Contact: Eddie Wells, Deputy Director (803)765-5333
Stan Cheek, Agricultural Statistician
nass-sc@nass.usda.gov

SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during January, up 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,312,000 birds, down 4 percent from 4,477,000 a year ago. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, compared with 2,100 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2011 averaged 342 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,289 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2010.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION SLIGHTLY DECREASES

During the month of January, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.9 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year's 20.2 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during January 2011 totaled 781 million, up 1 percent from January 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on February 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.